

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## SAID IS DEAD

Words to use instead of said:

A

accused added ad-libbed admitted advised affirmed agreed alleged announced  
answered argued articulated asked asserted assumed assured attacked averred

B

babbled balked bantered barked bawled beckoned begged bellowed blabbed blasted  
blubbered blurted boasted boomed bragged brayed breathed bubbled

C

cackled called chanted chattered chimed chirped chortled chuckled choked commanded  
commented complained consoled continued cooed corrected cracked cried crowed

D

dared debated declared declined decried deduced defended deferred delivered  
demanded denied denounced described dictated directed divulged drawled

E

echoed emitted emphasized encouraged enunciated exclaimed exhorted explained  
exploded expressed

G

gabbed gasped giggled gossiped grinned groaned growled grumbled grunted

H

hesitated hinted hissed hollered howled hummed

I

imparted implied indicated insisted instructed interjected interrupted invited

J

jawed joked joshed justified

L

laughed lied lamented

M

maintained mentioned mimicked moaned mouthed mumbled muttered

N

nagged niggled noted

O

objected observed ordered

P

panted pattered persisted persuaded phrased piped pleaded positioned prattled  
preached predicted proclaimed pronounced proposed protested puffed

Q

queried questioned quipped quizzed quoted

R

ranted reasoned recalled recited refused related relayed reflected remarked reminded  
repeated replied reported responded restated retorted roared

S

scoffed scolded screamed screeched shouted shrieked sighed snapped snarled  
snickered sniffed snorted sobbed sounded specified speculated spewed spied spoke  
sputtered squawked squeaked squealed stammered stated stressed stuttered submitted  
suggested

T

tattled teased testified thanked thought thundered told

U

urged uttered

W

waited warbled wept whimpered whined whispered whistled wondered

V

verbalized vocalized voiced vowed

Y

yapped yawned yelled yelped

Okay, now that we know HOW to say SAID, how do we say it better? Try adding a few of these to your writing:

with great vigor

carefully

hospitably

behind her back

furtively

responsibly

despairingly

abusively

worriedly

wearily

morosely

dismissively

enthusiastically

timidly

amiably

hoarsely

honestly

slowly

lovingly

reasonably

gently

pleasantly

quickly

sharply

turning around

softly

unreasonably

with mouth full

angrily

under her breath

Don't forget these "over-used" words you should exterminate from your writing vocabulary!

VERY and FUN

How about "Bury Very" and "Fun is Done" for titles?